

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have been learning the sounds **sh**, **ch**, **th** and **ng**. We have learnt the word 'they' and 'all' and revised all the tricky star words taught so far. We have also been continuing to encourage the children's skills in blending the sounds to read words using their word boxes and literacy based games. Please continue to practise blending sounds with your child, listening carefully for the word they can hear. Please ensure that you sign in your reading diary book once your child has completed their reading book at home in order for their book to be changed.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about the 2D shapes, squares and rectangles. We have been learning that squares and rectangles have 4 sides and 4 corners and have been busy spotting these shapes in everyday items in the classroom and outdoors. The children learnt that squares have 4 equal sides and rectangles have 2 shorter sides and 2 longer sides. You could ask your child to see if they can spot any squares or rectangles in their home or when coming to school.

During our topic sessions this week we have been learning about homes, looking at our own homes, looking at the similarities and differences between our own homes and homes in other countries around the world. The children then enjoyed creating their own homes using pictures and junk modelling resources, using different media and materials to fit them together.

Next term our Topic will be, 'The World of Wonder!' We will start by thinking about wintry worlds and will explore the children's questions through enquiry learning. We will be encouraging the children to develop their enquiry and questioning skills and ask that the children think of at least one question linked to their interests and bring their question back to school next week. We will use our enquiry afternoon sessions to explore the children's questions further. Please see the separate enquiry learning letter. During this topic, we will research further information, conduct exciting experiments, carry out investigations and learn more about the amazing wintry world around us.

Reception Christmas party is on Monday 14th December during the afternoon. The children will have their lunch as usual and a snack at the party. The children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes on this day.

Dates for Your Dairy

Monday 14th December – Reception Christmas Party. Children can come to school in their party clothes.

Thursday 17th December – Whole school virtual carol service

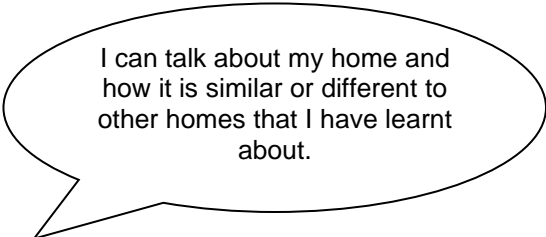
Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day – Last day of term – finish at 3.10pm

Word of the week: Rectangle

Our 'Talking Topic' this week is:

Many thanks

The Reception Team



I can talk about my home and how it is similar or different to other homes that I have learnt about.